

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Final Office Action mailed April 8, 2008, claims 1, 2, 12, 13, 16, and 18 were rejected. Additionally, claims 3 – 11, 14, 15, 17, and 19 were objected to. In response, Applicants propose amending claims 1, 4, 5, 9, 10, 16, and 18, and canceling claims 3, 17, and 19. Applicants respectfully request that the amendments be entered to put the claims in allowable condition. Applicants hereby request reconsideration of the application in view of the proposed amendments and the below-provided remarks.

### Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3 – 11, 14, 15, 17, and 19 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have rewritten the claims in independent form to include the allowable subject matter as described below.

#### Claim 1 (Claims 1 + 3)

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of claims 1 and 3. Claim 3 is canceled. Because amended claim 1 includes all of the limitations of claims 1 and 3, Applicants assert that amended claim 1 is an allowable condition.

Claims 2 and 4 – 15 are dependent on claim 1. Applicants respectfully assert that claims 2 – 15, 17, and 19 are allowable at least based on allowable claim 1.

#### Claim 16 (Claims 16 + 17)

Claim 16 has been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of claims 16 and 17, as previously presented. Claim 17 is canceled. Because amended claim 16 includes all of the limitations of claims 16 and 17, as previously presented, Applicants assert that amended claim 16 is an allowable condition.

#### Claim 18 (Claims 18 + 19)

Claim 18 has been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of claims 18 and 19, as previously presented. Claim 19 is canceled. Because amended claim 18 includes all of

the limitations of claims 18 and 19, as previously presented, Applicants assert that amended claim 18 is an allowable condition.

New Claim 20 (Claims 1 + 12 +14)

New claim 20 incorporates all of the limitations of claims 1, 12, and 14, as previously presented. Because new claim 20 includes all of the limitations of claims 1, 12, and 14, as previously presented, Applicants assert that new claim 20 is an allowable condition.

New Claim 21 (Claims 1 + 12 +15)

New claim 21 incorporates all of the limitations of claims 1, 12, and 15, as previously presented. Because new claim 21 includes all of the limitations of claims 1, 12, and 15, as previously presented, Applicants assert that new claim 21 is an allowable condition.

### CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the remarks made herein. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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